Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit 100 S. Jefferson Rd P.O. Box 902 Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Letter of Appeal of Funding Commitment Decision Letter for funding Year 2018, issued 05/04/2018.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting this letter of appeal regarding E-rate FY 2018 funding request for Internet Access, on the grounds that, a ministerial/clerical error occurred. The service was selected after the required Form 470 28-day bidding window and prior to certification of the Form 471 per USAC requirements but the FRN was accidentally omitted during data entry of the Form 471.

Appellant Name: e2e Exchange, LLC
Applicant Name: Notre Dame High School

471 Application Number: 181008810
Billed Entity Number: 16058074
FRN: n/a
Service Provider: Cogent

The issue in this case boils down simply to this: The missing funding was based on an administrative error as it was omitted by mistake prior to certification of the Form 471. The 2018 Form 470 for internet services was certified on 12/18/17 and the minimum 28-day bidding window closed on 01/15/18. Cogent was selected to provide 200mbps to 303 Haverhill Street and the proposal was signed 02/20/18. The signed quote from Cogent has been included. The Form 471 was certified on 03/01/2018 without this new service added. This falls under the category of a ministerial/clerical error. Based on the Bishop Perry Order, we request USAC actions remain consistent with this order and FRN for Cogent in the amount of \$1,500 MRC be funded on the 2018 application.

Given that the denial of funding in this case was based on merely an administrative error, regarding accidental omission of a new service, the Parties respectfully request that the SLD process this Letter of Appeal and approve the funding for Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School. The denial of funding for an administrative error places a particular hardship on a school district such as Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School that otherwise should have been approved for and received E-rate funding for its application.

We respectfully request that you process this appeal and add the funding request to the 2018 application. The required FRN information is attached. Thank you for reviewing this appeal. Please use the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

E2e Exchange, LLC

Ms. Shari D. Phillips President

CC:

Enclosures - Signed quote from Cogent, FRN Information required to add to application



## Quote

## Optical Internet

To: Eric Harris

Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School 303 Haverhill St,

Lawrence MA 01841

eric.harris@groundkontrol.net

From: Michael Klein

**National Account Manager** 

617-482-5078

Mklein@cogentco.com

Dat	e Quote number	Expiration Date	FIOU	uct	Description
15-Jan	1-18	30-Mar-18	30-Mar-18 Dedicated Internet Access		ernet connectivity for your office
	Bandwidth Commitment	Monthly Charge	NRC Install	Install Time	Service Term
	Fast Ethernet: 200 Mbps	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	90 Business Days	36 Months

Pricing valid until the end of this calendar month. Quote excludes taxes, where applicable.

Comments: I have quoted a 200Mb fiber lines for the 303 Haverhill St location.



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## Please add additional FRN to application #181008810

Notre Dame High School BEN #16058074

## **Internet FRN**

Funding Request Nickname: Cogent\_200mbps Internet Service Type: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access

Establishing FCC Form 470: 180003363

**Contract ID: 248735** 

How many bids were received: 2

Account Number: n/a

Service Provider: Cogent Communications, Inc.

SPIN: 143025258

What is the service start date: 7/01/2017 When will the services end: 6/30/2018

Pricing confidentiality: no

Narrative: Monthly 200mbps internet service for eligible users that are integral, immediate and

proximate to the education of students.

Purpose: Internet access service that includes a connection from any applicant site directly to the ISP.

Function: Copper

Type of Connection: Ethernet Bandwidth Speed: 200mbps

Does this include firewall services? No

Is this a connection between eligible... WAN: no Is this a direct connection to a single...: yes

Monthly recurring cost: \$1,500.00

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